

COLLEGE BASEBALL BATTLING AVERAGES--ALL-AMERICAN

Holy Cross and Illinois Lead All-America Team by Placing 2 Men Each

Jim Tunney and Fred Maguire Represent Purple on All-Star Combination, While Harry McCurdy and Otto Vogel Carry Orange and Blue to Top.

All-America College Baseball Team for 1921

	Pitch-Field-	Bat-			
	Games.	Ing.	ting.	Total.	
PITCHER—					
James Tunney, Holy Cross, 1924.....	7	857	1,000	333	2,190
CATCHER—					
Melville P. Merritt, Dartmouth, 1921.....	9	..	381	324	1,255
FIRST BASEMAN—					
Harry H. McCurdy, Illinois, 1922.....	11	..	985	438	1,423
SECOND BASEMAN—					
Frederick Maguire, Holy Cross, 1922.....	8	..	944	448	1,392
THIRD BASEMAN—					
George H. Sullivan, Pennsylvania, 1923.....	7	..	905	344	1,249
SHORTSTOP—					
Malcolm P. Aldrich, Yale, 1922.....	16	..	324	403	1,327
LEFT FIELDER—					
John E. Freeman, Columbia, 1924.....	7	..	1,000	444	1,444
CENTRE FIELDER—					
Otto H. Vogel, Illinois, 1923.....	11	..	941	457	1,398
RIGHT FIELDER—					
Horace L. Koehler, Penn State, 1922.....	5	..	1,000	409	1,409
TEAM					
	11	857	955	405	2,217

For the purpose of compiling individual averages and selecting a representative all-American college baseball team, a grouping has been made here of nine prominent baseball colleges of the East—Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Brown and Holy Cross. There is another group of natural rivals further west in the Allegheny or Tri-State section, where Penn State, Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Washington and Jefferson and Carnegie Tech dominate college diamonds. The Middle West, with its Intercollegiate Conference, furnishes a definite organization from which to compile records. All three of these districts were considered in the selection of the all-America team.

In the absence of a definite body among Eastern colleges, any grouping, such as this, has to be more or less arbitrary, but the nine institutions selected represent most of the best in college baseball in this section as it was played in 1921. Syracuse, Fordham and Tufts were not up to their usual high diamond standard, and Syracuse, in particular, played so few games with the colleges of this group that figures for the Orange players would have little meaning. Georgetown did earn a high rank among colleges of the South Atlantic section.

The batting, pitching and fielding figures, a distinct innovation in college baseball, represent the work of the men in the games Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Brown and Holy Cross played among each other. From these individual averages and those of the Western Conference and the Allegheny colleges the all-America team was selected. The man with the highest combined batting and fielding figure in each respective position earned first place on the team. In the case of the pitcher, his percentage of games won also was taken into consideration.

Tunney Leading Pitcher.
James Tunney, the brilliant Holy Cross freshman, easily earned the pitching berth. He pitched 7 2/3 of Holy Cross's big games, one, and had a single defeat charged to him. He scored double victories over both Yale and Harvard and won single games from Princeton and Columbia. Yale admitted him one defeat. In addition to his brilliant pitching Tunney batted for an average of .333 in his seven big games, and handled thirty-two fielding chances without an error. Tunney is a right hander.

Melvin P. Merritt of Dartmouth has the best total for the catcher's berth. His fielding record of 381 is not high, but his batting mark is far enough ahead of that of any other catcher to give him the position by a comfortable margin. James W. Peters, captain of Yale, batted well at second base, but he had a perfect fielding record in his big games, but batted only .250.

At first base Fred Maguire of Holy Cross, who led the list of Eastern college batters with a mark of .432, lost out to Harry McCurdy of Illinois, because of a poor fielding average of .385 for a total of .423.

Fred Maguire of Holy Cross, ranking second only to O'Connor in the batting list with a mark of .405, gained easy first place in the fielding column. His combined average is .392. Bobby Emmons, the Harvard captain, and Thorne Murphy of Yale fielded well at second base, but did not even approach Maguire in batting. Walter C. Meekle of Penn State was among the season's best second basemen.

At a running mate in the middle section of the diamond Maguire draws Malcolm P. Aldrich, captain-elect of the Yale team, who compiled the remarkable batting average of .403 in sixteen big games. His fielding figure is .324—not high, but good enough, in view of his batting, to earn him the shortstop berth. O. G. Odor of Brown and L. E. Maynard of Dartmouth were strong contenders for the position.

Sullivan at Third Base.
In spite of a fielding mark of .305, George H. Sullivan, a Pennsylvania sophomore, gets the third base post because of having batted .344—not remarkable in this season of slugging, but better than any other third baseman was able to offer. Francis Santoro, the Holy Cross captain, Earl Bruce of Dartmouth and William G. Kilinger of Penn State ranked only a little behind Sullivan.

In left field John Freeman, the Columbia freshman, takes first place with a batting average of .444 and a perfect fielding mark. It was a close rub between Freeman and Paul Crane of Yale. Crane also fielded perfectly in his big games, but fell below Freeman in batting by fifty-nine points. Crane's .382 was made in twelve games, while Freeman got his .444 in seven. Freeman deserves the position, though, for he played in every big game in which his

team engaged. Henry C. Janin of Harvard batted .375 and fielded .355. Another Illinois man, Otto H. Vogel, takes front rank in center field. He led the Western Conference in batting for the really remarkable average of .457 for seven games, and made a fielding figure of .941. Because of the one error Vogel had in seventeen fielding chances, Charlie Mayer, the Cornell captain, and Kenneth Simundinger of Holy Cross were able to push the Illinois man. Both Mayer and Simundinger have through their big games without a fielding mistake. Mayer batted .330 and Simundinger .345.

In right field the palm goes to Horace L. Koehler of Penn State. He batted .409 in his big games and fielded perfectly. Leonard Dugan of Holy Cross also fielded perfectly, but his batting mark of .381 could not match Koehler's .409.

This mythical nine has a team batting average of .365 and a fielding mark of .355. These figures were arrived at by averaging taken from the actual individual batting and fielding work of the nine men.

Stated for Big Leagues.
If professional baseball be considered an objective for a college player many names are destined to succeed. Ralph Knight, a right handed pitcher from Brown, already is the property of the Yankees; Jack Perrin, a Michigan outfielder, has been farmed out to the Boston Red Sox; and a few words about the future of the Eastern and Western players. Ralph Knight, a right handed pitcher from Brown, already is the property of the Yankees; Jack Perrin, a Michigan outfielder, has been farmed out to the Boston Red Sox; and a few words about the future of the Eastern and Western players.

Holy Cross Is Leader.
While the averages on this page were compiled primarily to determine the best college players, a few words about team results will not be amiss, since the "championship" is a much discussed question on every campus. Holy Cross is easily the Eastern champion, and Cornell belongs at the bottom of this list of nine, but it would be impossible to give relative rank to most of the other colleges of the group.

Harvard closed an indifferent season with straight game victories over both the Tiger and the Bulldog, and that makes the Crimson season a success. In defeating Princeton two out of three Yale scored something from a team that promised much but gave little. The Elis ran the bases poorly all season, and, unfortunately for the team, "got away" with it in the early games.

Yale won from Brown, Pennsylvania and Dartmouth—teams that defeated Harvard.

In the Harvard series Yale collapsed under a mental attack from the Crimson. That is ever the way in Yale-Harvard and Yale-Princeton games. Perhaps it is too much to ask college youths to preserve their mental equilibrium with "winning" but ranks of alumni in the stands unsettled the players' nerves.

Princeton gained early hope through a double victory over Pennsylvania, but slumped badly after that. The Tigers did gain the grim satisfaction of rising from their depths and winning the Commencement Week game against Yale. The Elis took the deciding contest in New York a week later.

After losing two games to Princeton early in May, Pennsylvania rallied and won from Penn State, Walter Larson, Red and Blue pitcher ace, turned the rock on Franklin Field on May 23, when the Nittany lads had a run of twenty straight to their credit.

Columbia's only shred of satisfaction was in winning two straight from Cornell. Columbia and Pennsylvania had no games against each other. Cornell lost all its big games—two each to Pennsylvania, Yale and Columbia.

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lack of any contests with Holy Cross, against which the Brunonians came forth three times without success in 1920, and the inability of Harvard to give the Providence nine more than one day. One other game with Dartmouth was rained out. Brown won one contest from Harvard and lost one to Dartmouth and two to Yale.

The Holy Cross team played a smart, aggressive game all season, reflecting great credit upon its new coach, Jack Barry of Philadelphia Athletic fame. The Purple lost only two games out of a long schedule, and richly deserves all the praise that has been heaped upon it. Holy Cross folk wanted an intercollegiate series with Penn State or

Illinois, but it was impossible to arrange either. Penn State trampled over the teams of its own section early in the season and staged a highly successful invasion of the Atlantic seaboard, taking Princeton and Yale into camp among others. With the disqualification of Haines the team seemed to lose spirit, and a de-

feat by Pennsylvania on Franklin Field was followed quickly by two reverses at the hands and bats of Pittsburgh. A team that played on Eastern college diamonds, resulted this year in a narrow but clear margin for Illinois over Michigan. Through all the race these two teams neck and neck, the Wisconsin only a little distance back. In the big game at Ann Arbor Illinois won by 3 to 2, but the Wolverines came back strong a week later in the contest at Urbana, winning by 10 to 4.

This result gave each team a record of ten games won and one lost. The season was over for the Illini, but Michigan continued its journey to Madison to play Wisconsin in a game that meant winning or losing the championship. Wisconsin nudged the Wolverines out by 7 to 6, and the blue ribbon came to Illinois for the first time in several years.

In spite of its narrow margin, the advantage of Illinois was marked. The Illini and the Wolverines divided the two game series, but Illinois won both its games from Wisconsin, while Michigan was forced to divide with the Badgers on even terms.

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In the West Robert A. Barnes, one of the leading pitchers of the champion Illinois team, shut Northwestern out by 3 to 0 without a hit or a run in his first Conference start of the season—April 12. Until two were out in the ninth inning, Barnes had within possibility the same record that Morrell later made, not a Northwestern man had reached first base in eight and two-thirds innings. Hollstrom, the Illinois' second baseman, recorded that Morrell later made on an easy chance offered by Lawson, the Northwestern pitcher, and Barnes' record went glimmering.

Barnes preserved his no hit record by retiring Bryant on a fly to left field, but kept regret was felt that he had come so close to a perfect pitching feat and then had been deprived of it at the last moment. Barnes struck out nine Northwestern batters.

In addition to the no hit games of Morrell and Barnes the following pitchers were registered among the big colleges:
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ILLINOIS WINNER IN TILT WITH MICHIGAN

Urbana Team Takes Conference Title When Wolverines Lose to Wisconsin.

MARGIN OF ILLINI CLEAR

Badger Nine Makes Good Fight but Fails to Reach Grade of Leaders.

By J. SHIPP McCARROLL.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Chicago, Aug. 6.—Western Conference baseball, which folks out here contend is faster than that played on Eastern college diamonds, resulted this year in a narrow but clear margin for Illinois over Michigan. Through all the race these two teams neck and neck, the Wisconsin only a little distance back. In the big game at Ann Arbor Illinois won by 3 to 2, but the Wolverines came back strong a week later in the contest at Urbana, winning by 10 to 4.

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Morris Wenderlich of Columbia vs. Dartmouth at Hanover on May 13. Dartmouth won by 4 to 3, scoring three unearned runs.
Dixon of Michigan vs. Purdue, at Lafayette on May 2. Michigan won by 7 to 0.
Levanore of Michigan vs. Iowa, at Iowa City on May 23. Michigan won by 10 to 2.
Max Williams of Wisconsin vs. Purdue, at Madison on May 7. Wisconsin won by 13 to 1.
Franklin Cross of Yale vs. Pennsylvania at New Haven on April 29. Yale won by 4 to 2. But for an error by Aldrich the Yale pitcher would have registered a shutout.